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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy for Field Activities, OSA  
Chief, Security Staff, OSA

SUBJECT : Use of Barbara's Point, Hawaii, in Support of U-2  
Ferrying Operation

1. While at PACAF Headquarters during my recent Far East trip, Major Steven Neeley, Recon Operations, PACAF, requested that we refrain from the use of Barbara's Point as a refueling stop for the U-2 during a ferrying operation. Major Neeley questioned why we chose to use the cumbersome arrangement of putting the U-2 into Barbara's Point, while the support aircraft is at Hickham. I pointed out that this was a procedure suggested by Security. Major Neeley said that this was indeed a fallacy because on the last ferrying operation, no less than 2,000 sailors witnessed the landing and taxiing and eventual takeoff of the U-2. To the contrary, Hickham Air Base has been employed historically in support of SAC U-2 operations, and the U-2 is not a novelty to that base. Major Neeley felt that the facilities were better, the security far better, and that less attention would be drawn to our operation if we used Hickham.

2. I pass this on for whatever action or consideration you may wish to make of it.

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Chief, Programs Staff  
(Special Activities)

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